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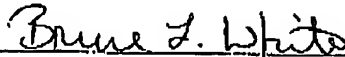
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005 in connection with the above-captioned application. Applicants amendments/arguments filed 12/21/04 has been entered in lieu of a RCE filed 02/02/05. The Office Action has been reviewed, and the following response offered to advance the case to allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks is courteously requested. Please amend the captioned application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.